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DECLARATION OF JOHN DETTINGER UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.608(b)

1. I am currently an employee of Mars Electronics International (MEI), where I have been employed since 1980.
2. My employment with MEI has included experience with various coin handling devices and vending machines, including Crane National Vendors SnackCenter vending machines.
3. In 1990, I received certification by the National Automatic Merchandizing Association Vending Technician Program.
4. Upon information and belief, Exhibit D attached to this declaration is a true and correct copy of a photograph of MEI's booth at the 35th NAMA Western Convention Trade Show held in Anaheim, California from April 11-13, 1996 ("the NAMA show"). That photograph is the same as Exhibit D attached to the declaration of Maureen M. Fendrick being submitted together with this declaration.
5. Exhibit D shows a Crane National Vendors SnackCenter vending machine (to the left of the elephant in the photograph).
6. At the time of the NAMA show, Crane National Vendors SnackCenter vending machines were designed to operate in a three coin tube environment. SnackCenter vending machines included a controller that had only three control lines to provide signals for causing the dispensing, respectively, of nickels, dimes and quarters from coin tubes.

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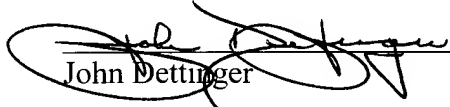
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7. Exhibit H attached to this declaration is a true and correct copy of selected pages from a 1993 Crane National Vendors SnackCenter and RefreshmentCenter Programming Guide. The selected pages are consistent with the description of the SnackCenter vending machines in the previous paragraph.

8. Except as indicated otherwise, the information in the foregoing paragraphs is based on my own knowledge.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

Dated: 4-12-00


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